Action against guilty of disturbing communal harmony

†786. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an unsuccessful efforts were made by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad to organise *pooja* in the Kutub Minar Complex in New Delhi;

(b) the action taken by Government against those disturbing communal harmony in the country by such heinous acts; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The attempts made to organize a "*pooja*" in the Complex did not succeed as police took timely action, as permissible under law, against the organizers. The Government is firmly committed to maintain peace and communal harmony in the country.

Disaster Management Plan for Delhi

787. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Committee on Disaster Management has drawn up some Disaster Management Plan for Delhi;

(b) whether the High Court of Delhi has warned the Government for laxity or inaction on the above issue, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 17th December, 2002; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. The National Committee on Disaster Management had been set up to *inter alia* deliberate on the necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with national calamities. In the first meeting of the National Committee held on 18th February, 2001, it was *inter alia* decided that in so far as the long-term strategy for dealing with major calamities in future is concerned, a Working Group would go into these issues.

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